

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

P. POE 5, and P. POEs 2 through 4 and 6
through 75, individually and on behalf of
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, a
Washington public corporation; PERRY
TAPPER, Director of Public Records and
Open Public Meetings at the University of
Washington, in their official capacity,

Defendants,

and

PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT OF ANIMALS, INC., a
Virginia nonstock corporation, and
NORTHWEST ANIMAL RIGHTS
NETWORK, a Washington nonprofit
corporation,

Intervenor-Defendants.

No. 2:24-CV-00170-JHC

**ORDER EXTENDING TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER**

This matter comes before the Court on a motion by Plaintiffs for an order extending the
Temporary Restraining Order granted by this Court on January 21, 2025 (Dkt #57). Dkt. # 77.
The January 21 order states the TRO will “not extend beyond March 28, 2025, without further

1 order of the Court.” Plaintiffs’ motion to extend the Temporary Restraining Order is unopposed
2 by Defendants and Intervenor-Defendants.


3 The Court, having considered Plaintiffs’ Motion, all materials filed in support thereof, any
4 materials filed in opposition, and the pleadings and papers of record in this matter, hereby FINDS
5 as follows:

6 Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b)(2), before a TRO expires, “the court, for good cause,” may
7 extend it. “The reasons for an extension must be entered in the record.” *Id.*

8 In issuing the TRO, which was unopposed by Defendants and Intervenor-Defendants, the
9 Court found that Plaintiffs satisfied the *Winter* factors. January 21 Order (Dkt #57), at 4-7. The
10 expiration of the TRO, prior to this Court deciding Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Injunction,
11 would allow Plaintiffs to be irreparably harmed through the release of the challenged records
12 before this Court reaches a substantive decision on a preliminary injunction. Accordingly, and
13 considering the non-opposition of the Defendants and Intervenor-Defendants, the Court finds
14 good cause for the extension of the TRO.

15 The Court therefore ORDERS that Plaintiffs’ Motion to Extend the Temporary
16 Restraining Order is GRANTED. Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b)(2), the Temporary Restraining
17 Order shall remain in effect until April 11, 2025, or until this Court issues a decision on
18 Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Injunction, whichever is sooner.

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20 DATED this 17th day of March, 2025.

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24 United States District Judge
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